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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF MINISTER OF CULTURE DEMICHEV

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1. AS A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO, DEMICHEV'S POLITICAL STANDING IN COUNTRY MUCH HIGHER THAN HIS POSITION AS MINISTER OF CULTURE WOULD INDICATE. IN FACT, HE IS ONE OF TOP TWENTY-FIVE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY. HIS PROGRAM IN U.S. SHOULD THEREFORE TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT. BESIDES NORMAL PROGRAMMING WE WOULD ARRANGE FOR MINISTER OF CULTURE, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND HEAVY DOSE OF HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS AT POLITICAL LEVEL.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER. WE NOTE THAT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SOVIET COUNCIL OF MINISTERS V.N. NOVIKOV MET PRESIDENT FORD. DEMICHEV IS HIGHER IN POLITICAL RANK (E.E., IN COMMUNIST PARTY) THAN NOVIKOV AND WE BELIEVE MEETING COULD BE JUSTIFIED ON THESE GROUNDS. IN ADDITION, HE IS KEY OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN U.S.-USSR EXCHANGES AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WOULD VERY MUCH BE TO OUR

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IMPORTANT AREA OF OUR RELATIONS. BECAUSE OF INTEREST OF VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER IN CULTURAL FIELD, WE FEEL MEETING WOULD BE ESSENTIAL PART OF DEMICHEV'S PROGRAM.

3. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO ARRANGE MEETING OR LUNCHEON BETWEEN DEMICHEV AND KEY SENATORS INTERESTED IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AND IN CULTURAL EXCHANGE. SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR BOTH SIDES AND COULD RESULT IN HEALTHY, FRANK EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS. DEMICHEV WILL OBVIOUSLY BE REPORTING BACK TO THE POLITBURO ON RESULTS OF HIS VISIT AND THE MORE WE CAN GET HIM INVOLVED WITH IMPORTANT U.S. POLITICAL LEADERS, THE BETTER.

4. ON MORE CULTURALLY-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING, RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOWING VISITS BUILT AROUND PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES (PLANNED OR POSSIBLE) TIED TO USSR. WASHINGTON: ARENA STAGE, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, NANCY HANKS, KENNEDY CENTER, MAYOR WASHINGTON.

NEW YORK: HOVING AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, METROPOLITAN OPERA AND -- IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT -- EITHER A MEETING WITH NYJRCO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GEORGE WEIN OR EVEN A DROP-IN AT NEWPORT IN NEW YORK JAZZ FESTIVAL (WITH OUR IMPLICIT HOPES FOR DEVELOPING SUBSTANTIVE JAZZ PROGRAMMING AND TECHNING EXCHANGES). ST. PAUL: SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, MAYOR, AND GOVERNOR ANDERSON, WHO WAS HERE WITH GOVERNORS' DELEGATION. SAN FRANCISCO: ACT, IF SOVIET VISIT STILL POSSIBLE. NASHVILLE: GRAND OL' OPRY OR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR BROAD RANGE OF FOLK MUSIC AND COUNTRY-WESTERN GROUPS.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH EMPHASIZE POINT THAT EXCHANGES OF WRITERS BETTER SERVED WHEN SOVIETS SEND GOOD WRITERS WHO ALSO IN GOOD STANDING OF WRITERS UNION. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, AITMATOV FIRST WRITER OF DISTINCTION PROPOSED BY UNION IN SOME TIME.  
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